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SUBJECT: US USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, 02.05-31,
RECLAMATION AND REVEGETATION OF DISTURBED LAND

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING TO DR. MIKHAIL GRISHAEV,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LAND UTILIZATION, USSR
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, MOSCOW WITH A COPY TO KAZAKOV,
HYDROMET.

2. 02.05-31 MARCH 22,1977

DR. MIKHAIL GRISHAEV
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF LAND UTILIZATION
USSR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
MOSCOW, USSR

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DEAR DR. GRISHAEV:

THE US SIDE IS PLEASED TO LEARN OF YOUR APPOINTMENT AS
SOVIET PROJECT LEADER FOR 02.05-31, RECLAMATION AND REVEGE-
TATION OF DISTURBED LAND UNDER THE US USSR ENVIRONMENTAL
AGREEMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO FRUITFUL AND MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL TECHNICAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN THIS EXTREMELY

IMPORTANT FIELD OF WORK.

3. THE US SIDE IS PLEASED TO ADVISE THAT MR. DONALD CALHOUN, SURFACE PROTECTION SPECIALIST, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, DENVER, COLORADO WILL BE THE US LEADER FOR PROJECT 02.05-31. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION, CABLES OR LETTERS MAY BE ADDRESSED TO HAROLD T. JORGENSEN, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D.C.

4. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PLANNING COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ON THIS PROJECT, THE US SIDE PROPOSES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT WORK GROUP. FOR THE US SIDE, TEAM MEMBERS WILL INCLUDE DR. FARRELL A. BRANSON, SENIOR BOTANIST, US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO; DR. RICHARD L. HODDER, SENIOR RECLAMATION RESEARCH SCIENTIST, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY; AND, HAROLD T. JORGENSEN LAND ECONOMIST, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

5. PLEASE INFORM ASAP AS TO SOVIET PARTICIPANTS IN WORK GROUP.

6. MEMORANDUM OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE US USSR JOINT COMMITTEE SPECIFIES THAT "IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1977, FOUR US SPECIALISTS WILL VISIT THE USSR FOR TWO WEEKS FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND PRACTICAL METHODS USED FOR RESTORATION OF DISTURBED LAND AREAS." UNCLASSIFIED

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THE US SIDE IS PLANNING TO VISIT THE USSR IN ACCORD WITH THIS PROVISION. THE DELEGATION WILL COMPRISE THE WORK GROUP NOMINATED ABOVE. PLEASE INFORM US SIDE ASAP BUT NOT LATER THAN APRIL 15 OF THE MOST ACCEPTABLE TIME PERIODS FOR RECEIVING US SPECIALISTS. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO FIX A TIME PERIOD SOON AS ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO QUICKLY ARRANGE THEIR SUMMER WORK SCHEDULES.

7. PLEASE FORWARD THE PLANNED AGENDA FOR THE US TECHNICAL VISIT TO THE USSR BY MAY 1 SO ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE.

8. ACCORDING TO THE MEMORANDUM OF THE US USSR JOINT COMMITTEE "IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1977, FOUR SOVIET SPECIALISTS WILL VISIT THE US FOR TWO WEEKS TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH METHODS AND TO DO PRACTICAL WORK IN THE FIELDS OF RECLAMATION AND REVEGETATION OF DISTURBED LAND." SOVIET SPECIAL INTERESTS IN REGARD TO THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED SOON SO PLANS MAY BE

DEVELOPED TO ACCOMMODATE THEM PARTICULARLY SHOULD SOVIET
SIDE WISH TO FOCUS ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF RECLAMATION AND

REVEGETATION IN VARIOUS AREAS SUCH AS REVEGETATIVE
EXPERIMENTAL WORK, HYDROLOGIC RESEARCH, OR EROSION AND
SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PRACTICES IN SURFACE MINED
AREAS, OR OTHER TECHNICAL PARTICULARS. WHILE WE WOULD
APPRECIATE LEARNING OF YOUR VISIT TIME PREFERENCES AND
MAIN TECHNICAL INTERESTS AT YOUR CONVENIENCE US SIDE MUST
HAVE INFORMATION ON THESE MATTERS BY MAY 15 SO BEST
POSSIBLE PROGRAM MAY BE ARRANGED.

9. PREPARATION OF A TECHNICAL GLOSSARY OF TERMS COMMONLY
USED IN THE FIELD OF RECLAMATION AND REVEGETATION OF
DISTURBED LAND IN THE US IS PROCEEDING WELL. A PRELIMI-

NARY DRAFT WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN A FEW WEEKS. DRAFT
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MATERIAL FROM THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD BE APPRECIATED SOON.
THEREAFTER AN INITIAL EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO INCORPORATE
THE US AND SOVIET TERMINOLOGY INTO A CONSOLIDATED PRO-
VISIONAL DRAFT FOR REVIEW BY THE TWO SIDES.

10. IT IS ANTICIPATED THERE IS MUCH TO BE GAINED FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION IN A COOPERATIVE SHARING OF
THE BEST TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE IN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN
RECLAMATION AND REVEGETATION OF DISTURBED LAND.

BEST REGARD. HAROLD T. JORGENSEN.
CHRISTOPHER

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